

World Bank concern over miserable condition of NH

† 4535. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has expressed its concern on miserable condition of National Highways in India in its Annual Report; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount of loan provided by World Bank for the improvement of roads, State-wise;

(c) whether World Bank has given any emphasis in its report for construction of cemented roads; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The World Bank has been sharing our concern over the condition of National Highways and has been providing assistance for improvement of National Highways in the country. World Bank has so far provided three loans, the details of which are as under:

Sl. No.	Loan Package	Loan Amount (US\$ Million)	Year of Signing	Year of Closing	Project States
1.	WB-I	200	1985	1993	Tamil Nadu, U.P., West Bengal, Gujarat, Haryana & Punjab.
2.	WB-II	306	1992	2001	Haryana, Punjab, Orissa, M.P., Maharashtra, and West Bengal.
3.	WB-III	516	2000	2006	U.P., Bihar and Jharkhand.

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(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government is constructing cement concrete pavements for National Highways wherever found to be a preferred alternative on technical and financial consideration.

Pollution Check for Euro I and II and Bharat II Vehicles

4536. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vehicle conforming to Euro I and II and Bharat II standard and certified as non-polluting vehicles have to undergo pollution check and obtain a certificate to that effect as envisaged under the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules made thereunder;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, whether necessary instructions have been issued to the concerned authorities not to insist for Pollution Under Control Certificates; and

(d) whether Government also propose not to make it mandatory for the non-polluting non-Euro I and II/Bharat II vehicles to obtain Pollution Under Control Certificate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Vehicles complying with Euro-I and II/Bharat Stage II are not classified as non-polluting vehicles. They only meet tighter norms. So far as Pollution Under Control Certificates are concerned, the objective is to ensure that vehicles meet the prescribed emission norms.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir, since the objective is to ensure compliance to the prescribed emission norms by all vehicles.